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# TO THE HONOURABLE
# Houſe of Commons.

The Humble *Petition* and *Caſe* of *Henry Mortlock*, *Matthew Gilliflower*, *William Henſman*, *Thomas Fox*, and *John Fiſh*, Bookſellers in *Weſtminſter Hall.*

WHEREAS Your *Petitioners*, whoſe Names are above-mentioned, are, and have been, for theſe Two Years paſt, very much obſtructed in their *Trade* by the Scaffolds erected there the beginning of *November* 1678. *for Tryal of the Lords in the Tower*, which at firſt totally obſcured the Light of their Shops, which, for ſome Months, we were forced to keep ſhut, and after put to the great Trouble and Expence of removing them without, where they now ſtand, to *the manifeſt loſs of our Trade*, which has ever ſince been diverted from this Place.

And whereas *ſome others* of our Profeſſion have endeavoured to *make Intereſts* for procuring an *Order* from this *Honourable Houſe*, for *Printing* the daily *Proceedings*, *Votes*, or what elſe this *Honourable Houſe* ſhall approve of to be Printed.

We do therefore moſt humbly beg the Favour of this *Honourable Houſe*, when any ſuch Matter ſhall come before them, or when they ſhall think fit to appoint *Printers* in that behalf, to conſider the great Damage ſuſtained by your Petitioners in point of Trade; And to beſtow that Service upon us, who are ſo near, and ſhall be alwayes ready to expreſs our Duty and Service to the utmoſt of our Endeavours, as,

Your moſt Faithful and Obedient Servants.

*Henry Mortlock*
*Matthew Gilliflower*
*William Henſman*
*Thomas Fox*
*Hen: Lord*
*John Fiſh.*

/22 Octob. 1680/